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## **Inmate Ordered to Stand Trial for Alleged Assaults on Deputies While in Custody**

An inmate at the Men's Central Jail has been ordered to stand trial in several cases involving threats and attacks on Los Angeles County sheriff deputies and others while in custody, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Deputy District Attorney Ranna Jahanshahi said Jaymes Denzel Wiggins (dob 1/6/94) is scheduled to be arraigned today for cases BA433454, BA433463 and BA433466 in Department 128 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Wiggins was held to answer on May 11 for three separate incidents.

In case BA433454, the defendant faces one felony count each of resisting executive officer, battery upon a custodial officer and damaging prison or jail.

Case BA433463 includes one felony count each of custodial possession of weapon, a metal shank, possession of a weapon in a jail and vandalism over \$400.

BA433466 charges Wiggins with one felony count each of battery with serious bodily injury, assault with a deadly weapon, a razor blade attached to a toothbrush, custodial possession of weapon and custodial manufacture of a weapon.

The felony information in the three cases include allegations that he was convicted in 2013 of second-degree burglary and in 2014 of second-degree robbery, vandalism, possession of a weapon in jail and receiving stolen property with a value exceeding \$950.

Additionally, the defendant is scheduled to be arraigned for a fourth case on June 5 in Department 128 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

In case BA435738, Wiggins faces one felony count of battery of non-inmate by jail inmate and one misdemeanor count of indecent exposure.

The incidents began on Sept. 8, 2014, when Wiggins allegedly threatened a deputy at the Van Nuys courthouse during a sentencing hearing, the prosecutor said. Later that month Wiggins is accused of exposing himself to a female deputy while in jail and assaulting a jail custody assistant, the prosecutor added.

On Oct. 2, 2014, deputies at the Men's Central Jail said they found Wiggins with a metal shank made out of a vandalized light fixture, Jahanshahi said. Two days later, the defendant is accused of assaulting an inmate with a razor blade attached to a toothbrush.

Jahanshahi added that on Oct. 6, 2014, Wiggins allegedly kicked a deputy in the back and bit a custodial assistant on the arm while being transported from his cell.

The cases remain under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.